

Minutes

GRRF IG R 55 Task Force Agricultural
Couplings (TFAC)
First Meeting
2013-05-15/16
Essen

Participants: see **TFAC 01-07**

Agreed dates:

2 nd meeting	2013-06-25, Bonn
3 rd meeting	213-09-24/25, Bologna

Agreed activities:	Date	Responsible
Proposal for Class q and r (CUNA Couplings)	2013-05-25	Pagliarani
Proposal for Class i	2013-05-25	Schauer
Compare proposals V _a and V	2013-05-25	Conrads
Proposal for clause 4.10	2013-05-25	Schauer
Check possibility for a vehicle approval according to Chapter 5 of R 55	2013-05-25	All
Consider IT-Proposals for Annex 4	2013-05-25	All

Agenda

1. Opening
2. Roll call of the participants
3. Time planning – target date for completion of the draft, meetings needed
4. Review of comments received
5. Further steps
6. Any other business

1. Opening

Mr Schauer welcomed the participants and thanked Mr Conrads and TÜV Nord for the invitation and the hosting of the meeting. He opened the meeting at 10:00 hrs.

2. Roll call of the participants

The participants introduced themselves (see also Document TFAC 01-07).

3. Time planning – target date for completion of the draft, meetings needed

Mr Westphäling as the Chairman of the GRRF Informal Group R55 gave some background information on the status and introduced the Terms of reference and Rules of Procedure of the Informal Group R55. After short discussion, TFAC participants agreed on the application of these ToR and RoP also for TFAC.

The group aims at presenting a proposal agreed within TFAC by the end of 2013.

Presently two further meetings are planned (see Agenda Item 6).

4. Review of comments received

The document TFAC 01-01 Draft Agricultural Couplings 2012-09-04 was discussed together with the comments received (Documents TFAC 01-03 Comments Sauermann 2013-05-06, TFAC 01-04 Comments IT 2013-05-06 and TFAC 01-05 Coupling classes IT prop 2013-05-07). Amendments, comments and notes how to proceed with certain clauses are included in Document TFAC 01-08 Draft Agricultural Couplings 2013-05-16.

At the end of the meeting it was recognised that the overlapping of identical requirements between R 55 and the proposals for agricultural vehicles provides the possibility to include the mechanical couplings for agricultural vehicles in an easy way by adding the necessary amendments directly in R 55 and provide additionally one or two specific annexes. A part II of R 55 as preliminarily proposed at the beginning of the meeting does not seem to be necessary therefore.

5. Further steps

The activities mentioned on the top of the minutes were agreed.

The discussion will continue in the next meeting starting with Chapter 5 of Annex 5.

6. Any other business

The dates of the 2nd (2013-06-25, Bonn) and the 3rd (2013-09-24/25, Bologna) meeting were agreed.

At the end of the meeting, Mr Schauer thanked Mr Conrads again for hosting the meeting and providing meeting location for that first meeting of TFAC.

Mr Schauer closed the meeting at 16:00 hrs.